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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Enclosed please find a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report - Form PCT/IPEA/409 (hereinafter "Report"), and a partial English translation thereof, which was drawn on pages of description 1-14, and the drawings as originally filed, and claims 1-29 as filed on June 28, 2005, and includes as an Annex claims 1-29 (in German). Moreover, an English language translation of claims 1-29 are also submitted herewith.

Based upon the submission of replacement claims 1-29, Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits of the application containing replacement claims 1-29 (in place of originally filed claims 1-29).

Additionally, prior to the examination of the above-identified application including replacement claims 1-29, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.